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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Barbara Lawson Aurora Oil and Gas Corporation 4110 Copper Ridge Drive, Suite 100 Traverse City, Michigan 49684

Subject: Reclamation Required, Aurora Oil and Gas, Vipont Mine, S/003/0035, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Ms. Lawson:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) requires reclamation of the Vipont mine. The mine has been inactive for more than ten years, and, according to rule R647-3-113.5, the Division is obligated to require reclamation.

No later than November 16, 2009, please notify the Division whether you intend to reclaim the site. If so, please provide a schedule for completing reclamation and a description of measures that will be taken to reclaim the mine and to ensure it is stable until the reclamation can occur.

If you fail to provide this information within the time frame shown, the Division will proceed to request that the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining forfeit the reclamation surety which the Division collected from Northwestern Bank. The Division will then proceed to conduct reclamation.

Please contact me at 801-538-5261 or by e mail at <u>paulbaker@utah.gov</u> if you have questions about this letter or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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